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Yoshiyuki Sasaki

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF  
RECORDING INFORMATION IN  
REDUCED WAITING TIME

Examiner: G. Patel

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

I, Yoshiyuki Sasaki, of Tokyo, Japan, declare as follows:

1. I am a former employee of Ricoh Company, Ltd., the assignee of said application.
2. I am the sole inventor for said application.
3. I have reviewed the application as amended through the Amendment filed April 5, 2007, including claims 1-8, 12-17, and 22-27, as set forth therein.

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4. I have reviewed the Office Action dated July 10, 2007, in said application, including the rejection therein of claims 1-8, 12-17, and 22-27 based on European Patent Application No. EP 1 282 128 A1 (Sasaki I), and the rejection therein of claims 1-2, 4-5, 8, 12-17, 22-23, and 25-27 based on European Patent Application No. EP 1 229 534 A2. (Sasaki II).

5. I am the sole inventor for each of Sasaki I and Sasaki II.

6. I have reviewed Sasaki I and Sasaki II.

7. Sasaki I and Sasaki II describe my own work.

8. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

By: Yoshiyuki Sasaki  
Yoshiyuki Sasaki

Date: October 5, 2007